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Letter dated 4 April 2016 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith the text of remarks made by a spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 2 April 2016 with regard to the unjustifiable disregard by the Security Council of the request by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea to place the issue of the United States joint military exercises on the agenda of the Security Council (see annex).*

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **Ja** Song Nam
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

* The annex is being circulated in the language of submission only.

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Remarks made by a spokesperson for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

Pyongyang, April 2 (KCNA) -- A spokesperson for the Foreign Ministry of the DPRK on Saturday, 2 April 2016 gave an answer to a question put by KCNA as regards the fact that the UN Security Council is ignoring the complaint about the ongoing U.S.-south Korea joint military drills.

The DPRK demanded the UNSC convene an urgent meeting in connection with the aggressive joint military drills Key Resolve and Foal Eagle 16 kicked off by the U.S. despite the DPRK's warning and the international community's unanimous condemnation.

The spokesman said the DPRK filed the complaint as the largest-ever sabre-rattling is disturbing international peace and security and wantonly violating the principle of respect for sovereignty stipulated in the UN Chapter in its scale and nature, adding:

The action taken by the UNSC to disregard the complaint about the above-said joint war drills brought into bolder relief that it has been reduced to a political tool loyal to the U.S. as it discarded its mission of preserving peace and security and the impartiality which keeps alive its activities as an international organization.

It is the UNSC which seconds the U.S. high-handed and arbitrary practices, failing to bring up for discussion its war for aggression, genocide and state-sponsored terrorism.

The UNSC has lost political and legal justification or moral decency to slap any sanctions against the DPRK as it has turned a blind eye to the U.S. nuclear threats to the DPRK caused by the joint military exercises for over a half a century.

The DPRK will continue exercising its legitimate right to self-defence by its own efforts now that the U.S. doesn't discontinue the nuclear war games, a vivid manifestation of the U.S. hostile policy towards the DPRK, and the UNSC disregards it though it is obliged to protect global peace and security.

The DPRK has already had access to self-defensive deterrent capable of frustrating any U.S. nuclear threat, blackmail and provocation and will further bolster it up both in quality and quantity as the days go by. -0-